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Mayor John Ekdahl, Public Works Superintendent Mark Wellner and former Mayor Chillie Callman are all smiles as they stand in front of a small portion of the toys that were donated to the DPW Toy Drive this year.

2010 MAYORAL ADDRESS

Mayor John E. Ekdahl

The following is a report of the Borough events and activities of 2009:

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

As we begin a new year, I first want to express my gratitude to my fellow Council members for the great job they do for the residents of the Borough of Rumson. They are effective and energetic and devote extensive time to the committees for which they serve and it is because of their hard work that Rumson maintains the good government that it provides. I would also like to thank all our Borough employees and professionals for their continued support and assistance this past year. It's an honor to represent this town as your Mayor.

YEAR IN REVIEW

The Annual Memorial Day Parade brought plenty of spectators along the parade route on the day America celebrates our defenders of freedom by honoring the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States of America. The parade showcased our service organizations and youth groups as the Borough schools and musical ensembles played patriotic tunes. Our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts displayed true colors of patriotism as they marched along. The Borough Police as well as the many volunteers of the EMS and Fire Departments proudly were acknowledged by the large crowd that gathered in Victory Park for the ceremonies.

The 4th of July celebration at Victory Park saw approximately 6,000 residents, family and friends fill the waterfront and Oceanic Bridge to see the fireworks on the Navesink River, produced by Garden State Fireworks. The spectacular event that brightened the skies is a direct result of the many contributions made through the Rumson Endowment Fund. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to each person who so generously contributed in support of this event.

A Salute to Patriotism Veteran's Day was a day to reflect and give thanks to all the men and women that served our Country and all those presently serving in the armed forces throughout the world. Part of the ceremonies acknowledged three Rumson veterans whose names were newly engraved additions to the Veteran's monument this year.

The Traditional Rumson Christmas Tree Lighting was more spectacular than ever. The voices of the Deane-Porter Third Grade Chorus and the RFHRHS Tower Singers made the spirit of the Holiday Season come alive. The homemade cookies and hot apple cider made for a perfect evening. We were privileged once again to listen to and sing along with Tim McLoone & The Shirleys of Holiday Express. Santa's arrival brought smiles to children's faces. The evening concluded with fireworks in concert with holiday music. This was the largest array of fireworks ever in celebration of the upcoming holiday season.

ORDINANCES

The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Rumson are now available on line by logging on to the Borough web Site at www.rumsonnj.gov.

BOROUGH HALL

July 27, 2009 the new Rumson Borough Hall was open for business. The transition was surprisingly seamless due to advanced preparations implemented by Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator. The Borough team, with the Public Works staff lending a strong hand, had everything in its place and a mountain of empty boxes to show for it. The new Borough Hall, with its elegant staircase and warm paneled walls, creates a welcoming and inviting atmosphere for visitors conducting their business transactions. Historic items for the George H. Moss, Jr. Local History Room are being unpacked and carefully displayed. The room will showcase items donated by the Moss Family, as well as items representing the 100 plus years of the Borough's history. The addition and restoration to the Charles S. Callman Courtroom is near completion with a new entrance and much needed additional space to satisfy the needs for the Municipal Court and public meetings.

We plan to celebrate with a formal opening of the entire Borough complex once the Police Department relocates to the new Borough Hall building in the very near future.

BOROUGH RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Rumson continues to be in the forefront of Records Management, having now received DARM Imaging Certification by the State Records Committee. We now have the ability to scan documents into the County's OPRS-RIM system and manage them electronically, thus reducing our need for paper document storage. This, coupled with state-of-the-art records storage available in our new building, allows us to locate documents quickly when needed and contributes to our efforts to "go green."

RUMSON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

In accordance with New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations, several years ago the Borough and its Planning Board adopted an Affordable Housing Plan and filed that Plan with COAH for approval. In 2005, the Borough submitted its 3rd Round Plan to the Council on Affordable Housing in Trenton and has been awaiting a response for over two years now. In 2009, COAH did respond to our Plan with comments and recommendations. We anticipate that our Plan will be approved in 2010. COAH's revisions and affordable housing requirements for municipalities like Rumson are always carefully monitored for the impact they will have on our residents. The current Plan is available at Borough Hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Rumson Police Department joined a statewide effort by launching the first "Operation Medicine Cabinet" here in Rumson. This effort allows us to collect unused, unwanted and expired prescriptions and over the counter medicines to reduce the availability of potent drugs that can endanger children and adults.

The 5th grade D.A.R.E. Program continues to reach more of Rumson's students giving them knowledge about alcohol, drugs, and peer pressure. In addition, officers shared their knowledge and experience at RUDE Awakening with our students from Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, teaching them about the serious consequences of drinking and driving. This past year, we mourned the loss of Retired Police Lieutenant Jack Lacey who served the Borough with 25 years of dedicated service. Jack will be sorely missed.

Police Chief Richard Tobias attended the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program at Princeton University in June. In continuing education, Special Officer Joe Glynn graduated this past spring and is now a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer.

The Department has hired Max Ross as a part-time Dispatcher and Dispatcher Shannon Lucina has begun working for the department full-time. We welcome each of them.

Following a new and comprehensive promotional process, I am proud to announce the following promotions of three Patrolmen to the rank of Sergeant; Detective Ronald J. Vilardi, Christopher J. York and Damien F. Brennan. The officers were sworn in on September 29, 2009 by the Mayor, in the presence of a full Council, and attended by many family members and friends.

RUMSON EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year challenged the strengths of the Rumson First Aid Squad with the sudden loss of our devoted First Aid Captain Bob Kelleher, whose passing was mourned by our entire community. Thanks to the unity of the department, former First Aid Captain Jen Wargo resumed the duties of that position through the end of the year. The Rumson Fire Company mourned the loss this past year of William E. Ward, Jr., Ex-Chief and Past President with 44 years of service, and Lewis S. Skiff who served the community for over 25 years. The Oceanic Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 mourns the loss of George H. Silvers who served as a member for 54 years. The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders presented a proclamation to The Rumson Fire Company for being the first in Monmouth County to install Solar Panels.

New Members are always welcome in the Rumson Fire Department and the Rumson First Aid Squad. Applications can be obtained at Borough Hall.

RECYCLING

The Recycling Program monitored by Jamie Mellish continues to work efficiently. During 2009, Rumson recycled 12,187 tons of recyclables. We have found that over the past few years more and more residents are expanding their recycling habits. We praise each and every one of you and thank you for your participation. Recycling regulations are supported by the New Jersey Clean Communities. In the fall of 2009, a new recycling truck was added to the Borough fleet as well as container storage units to our Recycling Center. The new containers make the center cleaner and reduced required man power by more than 50%. **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT** In 2009 the Borough finished updating the Main Pumping Station on Grant Avenue with high tech pumps and controls, which will enable the Borough to save on electrical power costs. We also updated the sewer pump station on Club Way with new pumps and a new force main. In 2010, we will be updating the pump stations on Buena Vista Avenue, Thornton Way, and Avenue of Two Rivers South. These final upgrades complete a 4-year plan to upgrade our 40 year old sewer pumping system. Special thanks to Superintendent of Wastewater Management Fred Shea and his assistant Bob Savoth for the fine job they do throughout the year.

RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TOY DRIVE

For the 10th consecutive year, the Rumson Department of Public Works' employees held their annual Toy Drive. I am delighted to report that 950 toys were collected for children associated with the Family and Children's Services in Long Branch and the Salvation Army in Red Bank. Our deepest gratitude is extended to Mark Wellner, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, and his employees who volunteered their time to this worthy cause. We thank all the wonderful and generous residents, employees and friends for their support.

TREE CITY, U.S.A.

The National Arbor Day Foundation has honored the Borough of Rumson for many years with the designation of being a Tree City U.S.A. Community. This is an honor displayed proudly each year. In recognition of this honor, a variety of seedlings were distributed to our Borough Schools in addition to the planting of saplings, which add to the beautification of our town.

RECREATION

The Rumson Recreation Commission, with the support of many volunteer coaches and Recreation Commissioners, enjoyed another year of providing successful recreation programs and events to the residents of Rumson. The revised Halloween Parade included over 700 costumed children and parents, who were entertained by a concert provided by Miss Sherry and the Animal Band. The Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony continued to impress the estimated 1,500 spectators with Santa, Tim McLoone and the Shirleys, various singing groups, refreshments and a magnificent fireworks display. Summer Family Fun Nights in Victory Park provided young children with concerts and puppet shows at the bandstand on several Sunday evenings during the summer. Additionally, a wide range of recreational sports programs, including baseball, softball, flag football, crew, basketball, lacrosse and soccer, continued to engage children of all ages. Our Summer Playground Program continued to see an impressive participation rate for its morning program activities at Victory Park. Throughout the summer various sports camps were also sponsored by Rumson Recreation. In an effort to develop a strong organization that will result in a positive team, Rumson Recreation is working collaboratively with Positive Coaching Alliance, an organization that will provide leaders and coaches with practical tools to implement a culture conducive to positive coaching.

RUMSON PARKS

The Borough parks in Rumson continue to be a focal point in the lives of many adults and children alike. Through the Recreation Department, Tri-Active America Exercise Equipment Workout Stations were installed at Meadowridge Park. The state-of-the-art equipment, which encompasses multiple aspects of exercise, offers each resident the opportunity to design a program to meet the individual needs and strengths for a healthy workout. We are fortunate to have six beautiful parks in Rumson for both active and passive recreation.

ROAD AND DRAINAGE PROGRAM

In 2009, the Borough completed the Forrest Avenue Project. The project spanned two years and was paid for with two Department of Transportation Grants totaling \$300,000. The project included sidewalks on the west side of the street, improved and updated storm drainage, as well as new curbing and pavement. This was a tremendous upgrade for a main school route in the Borough. The Borough also continued to work on the site work at the Borough Hall complex. We anticipate this work to be completed in early 2010. The Borough completed the development of construction plans for the reconstruction of Shrewsbury Drive. This project will begin in the spring of 2010.

RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND

The Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc. formed in 1997 has been the financial backbone of many projects and events throughout the Borough. This year generous donations paid for projects like the July 4th Fireworks display and the Traditional Rumson Tree Lighting program.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc., please note that it will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive a formal confirmation for your records. If you choose to make a donation in the form of securities, please contact our Chief Financial Officer, Helen Graves, at Borough Hall (732-842-1170). Your charitable donation is truly appreciated. Your gift will make a difference.

IN MEMORIAM

This past year has sadly taken many friends, colleagues and family members from us.

John J. "Bud" Conklin, Jr. - On February 4, 2009 we felt the sorrowful loss of our beloved former Councilman and good friend, John J. Conklin, Jr. Known to us all as "Bud," he served on the Planning Board from January 26, 1978 until October 26, 1989 followed by his service as a member of the Borough Council until his retirement on November 20, 2005.

George H. Moss, Jr. - A highly respected Historian, as well as the Monmouth County Historian, passed away on February 25, 2009. George served on Planning Board from January 1967 until 1978 and on Borough Council from June 1978 until his retirement on December 31, 2004. George also served as Council President and Police Commissioner.

William E. Ward Jr. - Bill passed away on April 1, 2009. He served as a volunteer member of the Rumson Fire Company for 44 years, as well as Assistant Fire Chief in 1977 and Fire Chief in 1978. He also served as President of the Rumson Fire Company and was a life member of the Oceanic Firemen's Relief Association.

Robert X. Kelleher - Captain Kelleher passed away unexpectedly on July 20, 2009 leaving everyone in shock. Bob became a volunteer with the First Aid Squad in 2003, an Officer in 2005 and Captain in 2008. Bob gave his time and energy to many activities throughout the Borough of Rumson.

John P. Brennan III - John passed away on September 27, 2009. A former Merchant Marine and retired Police Detective, John was a familiar face at the Rumson Boat Ramp monitoring the incoming and outgoing water vessels. John was a lifelong Rumson resident.

We will miss and remember all of these good men who gave so much to the town of Rumson.

MISCELLANEOUS

As we acknowledge the events of this past year and look forward to new challenges in 2010, I'd like to say that on behalf of the Borough Council and myself, we are indebted to each of the Chairmen and Board Members that spend endless hours reviewing, preparing and attending various meetings. Their personal commitment to our Borough is a valuable asset and is greatly appreciated. The Borough and its municipal staff strive to provide the best and most courteous services available to our residents. Decisions are made with the best interests of the entire Borough.

Thank you for attending our 2010 Re-organization meeting of the Borough Council. On behalf of all our Council Members and myself, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. May God bless us all and may God Bless America.

Sincerely,
John E. Ekdahl
Mayor

RECREATION NEWS & SPORTS REGISTRATION DATES

Registration forms for the various sports programs in town are distributed to children through the public schools. Residents with children who do not attend the local public schools may register at the Rumson Borough Hall Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Registration forms are typically available as follows: December-baseball/softball/tee ball January-girls lacrosse (grades 3-8) and boys & girls lacrosse clinics (grades 1-2), April- soccer, flag football, summer basketball and various summer camps. September-crew & basketball.

Registration Deadline/Team Size

The registration deadline for baseball, softball and tee ball was January 22, 2010. All forms received after January 22, 2010 must include an additional \$10 late fee. Additional forms may be completed at the Rumson Borough Hall. This program is for children in grades K-8.

Recreation teams that play in traveling team leagues will have a limited roster size of twelve players per team. Rumson teams are at a disadvantage when they have rosters of sixteen players who have to compete with other towns with twelve player rosters. Players on travel teams must play within the designated age guidelines (not grade) required by the various leagues. Please register on time for all of the sports programs so we can plan ahead to include all players in our recreation programs.

The girls lacrosse registration (grades 3-8) and boys & girls lacrosse clinics (grades 1-2) deadline is February 5, 2010. Late registration forms may be completed at the Rumson Borough Hall-8:30-4:30 PM Mondays -Fridays.

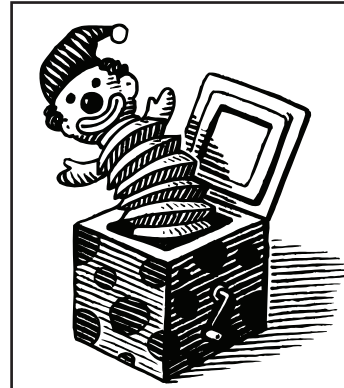
Additional information about recreation programs may be found on the town website www.rumsonnj.gov

You may also contact Supervisor of Parks & Recreation/Recreation Director John Hird at jhird@rumsonnj.gov or 732-842-3300.

TREE LIGHTING 2009

Maintaining a tradition set forth many years ago, the Borough of Rumson conducted its annual tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at Victory Park. Children and parents were treated to the sounds of Tim McLoone and the Shirleys while sipping hot chocolate and eating homemade cookies. Elementary and high school choirs provided additional holiday songs to the delight of the crowd. Girl Scouts, Brownies and Boy Scouts all pitched in to prepare the luminaries, which enhanced the holiday ambiance for the evening event. Santa made a guest appearance with his favorite reindeer, snowman and elves. While the elves distributed candy canes to all, parents snapped photographs of their children with Santa. Mayor Ekdahl provided holiday comments and drew the winning name of the child who flipped the switch to light the beautifully decorated tree. The evening of family fun culminated in a spectacular display

of fireworks launched from the Victory Park beach. If you missed it, be sure to join us next year!



MANY THANKS

To Everyone
Who Donated
TOYS

To the 2009
Public Works
Toy Drive!

950

toys were collected
for distribution to Family &
Children's Services and
The Salvation Army!

RUMSON FIRST AID SQUAD

The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization, staffed by your friends and neighbors. We provide pre-hospital emergency care, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, for free.

In 2009, we responded to 385 calls for assistance and we provided stand-by services for the town's numerous high-school football games, Memorial Day parade, Opening Day Recreation baseball parade, 4th of July Fireworks and Christmas Tree Lighting festivities. In addition, we performed demonstrations for the local Cub Scouts, Holy Cross and Rumson Country Day schools.

At our December meeting, we elected a slate of new line officers for 2010. We elected Joe Truex to serve as Captain. Joe is also a member of Fair Haven's First Aid Squad and Fire Department and has previously served as Captain (2005) and President (2004) for Fair Haven. Diane Dupuy was elected First Lieutenant. Diane, a resident of Rumson since 2002, is a certified instructor by the American Red Cross and is also in charge of training for our members. Ed Moran, a lifetime resident of Rumson and former hedge fund manager, was elected to serve as Second Lieutenant. Ed had previously served as President of the First Aid Squad from 2008 - 2009 and is a member of the Rumson Endowment Fund. Finally, Tom Daly was re-elected Sergeant. Tom, a resident of Rumson since 1976, is an attorney and a retired partner at McCarter & English.

The squad also elected a new slate of executive officers. Jen Sappnar was elected President, and has previously served as Captain in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and graciously agreed to serve out the remaining term of our dear friend, Bob Kelleher in 2009, after his untimely passing. Chris Santora, a lifelong resident of Rumson, was elected Vice President. Chris also previously served as Captain in 1998. Stacey Giglio, a lifelong resident of Rumson, was elected Secretary. John Wibbelsman, a resident since 1995, was re-elected Treasurer. John, who will be serving as Treasurer for his fourth year, is an investment advisor with Newport Capital Group and is a co-founder of the very successful Two Rivers Old Guys lacrosse league, also known as TROG.

We mailed our 2010 fund drive letter to all Rumson residents recently, and appreciate your continued generosity. You can make donations directly through the mailing or online by going to our website, www.rumsonems.org. Donations made to the First Aid Squad are primarily used for the procurement of medical supplies and equipment for our ambulances, training of our all-volunteer staff and the maintenance of our building.

We are constantly looking for new members to respond to emergency calls but also other citizens who would be willing to lend their talents in aid of the Squad's administration. If you are over the age of 16, please visit us at www.rumsonems.org, or speak with any of our members.

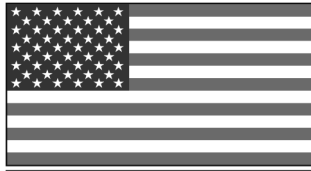
BOY SCOUT TROOP 201

Hiking, Canoeing, Rafting, Camping and Having Fun – Join us!

Troop 201 is preparing to welcome about 15 new Weablos this month! Our young scouts are in able hands under the leadership of our senior scouts. Congratulations to Troop 201's newest Eagle Scouts – Myles Peterson, Alex Barnett and Steven Fuschetti earned the rank of Eagle Scout after advancing seven ranks, earning at least 21 merit badges, holding troop leadership positions, and planning, developing and leading other scouts in a service project. Myles chose to build and install handcrafted bat houses to help control the mosquito population in our public parks. Steven refurbished stair railings at the historic Twin Lights and Alex collected, tested and organized eyeglasses for "New Eyes for the Needy". We are very proud of Myles, Steven and Alex – well done!

This past summer, the troop honored Dr. Don Erwin with the Grommet and Ashes Award at our annual Court of Honor and Flag Burning Ceremony held in Victory Park. Dr. Erwin has dedicated years of service to Boy Scouting, and to Troop 201 in particular. Even though Dr. Erwin no longer has scouts in the troop, he continues to be an active member, serving as a mentor and organizing the annual Rumson Cemetery Cleanup every Memorial Day Weekend. Congratulations Dr. Erwin!

Troop 201 is dedicated to providing service in our community. In addition to the cemetery cleanup, be sure to catch the scouts in full uniforms marching proudly in the town parades, at the annual Tree Lighting, at the Veterans Day ceremony and at the yearly plant sale.



UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

10 minutes.
10 questions.

Stand up and be counted!

The 2010 Census is important! It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services, generates thousands of jobs across the country and impacts your voice in Congress.

Census questionnaires will be arriving at homes in February and March. Households should complete and mail back their questionnaire upon receipt. The official Census Day is April 1!

**Learn more about the 2010
Census by visiting
www.2010census.gov**

If you are at least 11 years old, have completed the fifth grade, and want real excitement you just can't get in a Wii game, come visit us on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Forrestdale School cafeteria, or contact Miriam Tort at miriamtort@aol.com for more information.

CARING FOR OUR TREES

News from the Shade Tree Commission After much hard work, the Commission has finalized goals and objectives for its 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan. The plan, intended as an essential guide to successfully achieving and maintaining a healthy and safe community forest, was submitted to the NJ Forestry Service in December. By implementing such a plan, our Shade Tree Program can become more proactive and efficient.

Residents can help maintain our community forest by providing proper care for mature trees on their property. The International Society of Arboriculture says "Think of tree care as an investment. A healthy tree increases in value with added dividends. Shade trees increase property values, beautify our surroundings, purify the air we breathe and save energy by providing cooling shade from summer's heat and protection from winter winds."

A Tree Care Tip: Pruning is the most common tree maintenance procedure. Because each cut has the potential change the growth of a tree, no branch should be removed without a reason. Over pruning is extremely harmful because without enough leaves, a tree cannot process enough sunlight to survive!

RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB

A Beautiful Blend of Service and Camaraderie

The ladies of the Rumson Women's Club celebrated the past holiday season with a dinner catered by Brennan's at Bingham Hall. Along with the traditional grab-bag gift exchange, they were treated to a presentation given by the two young women sponsored by the club who attended Girls Career Institute at Douglass College. This program of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs gives young women completing their junior year of high school an opportunity to experience campus life and dormitory living for a few days. The program is targeted at students who may be undecided about their choice of college, or their decision to attend college. Applications for this program may be picked up at the RFH guidance office.

At our February meeting members will arrange trays of homemade cookies and other sweet treats for the residents of Laurel Bay nursing home in Keansburg as part of our Home Life/Social Services program, which furthers our long-standing commitment to meet needs not otherwise provided for for residents in local long-term care facilities. For Christmas we gifted Laurel Bay with a video camera, and will provide baskets and trays of goodies for them in the spring.

The club's annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on February 28 at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank. Attendees will enjoy a delicious lunch, vendor boutique and gift basket raffle. Proceeds from this event will fund the Claire Kraft Sully scholarship awarded every year to the college-bound graduate of RFH or resident of Rumson attending a private school who is judged to have been the most active participant in service to the community during their high school years. Scholarship Applications may be obtained at the RFH guidance office and Rumson Borough Hall. For luncheon tickets and information, please contact Linda Babeuf at 732-842-5687.

On April 9 we will host our annual Gift Auction. This event provides all the funding for the club's projects and charitable giving throughout the year. It is always a casual, fun night out, and is usually sold out in advance. Along with the basket auction there will be several larger prizes, a grand prize and a super 50/50. If you would like more information or wish to make a donation, purchase tickets for the event or for the 50/50, please call Judy McMaster (732) 841-1522 or Thea Davis (732) 842-0044.

We welcome guests and prospective new members to our regular meetings, held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at Bingham Hall. Please join us, bring a friend, and see what the Women's Club is all about!

Rumson Senior Citizens Club

On behalf of the Club, President Dorothy Burlew would like to extend our appreciation to all who made our annual Holiday Bazaar such a huge success, and a great big "thanks" to all of the merchants who donated so generously! Joan Keenan and Maureen Shires co-chaired the event and did an outstanding job. The gift auction was co-chaired by Carolyn Ott and Jeanne Cue. This is the Club's only fundraiser, and all the committee chairpeople worked very hard.

We are a community-oriented group who enjoy working with all ages. Once again, members brought toys to the December meeting which were turned over to the Rumson Public Works Department for its annual "Toys for Needy Children" collection. The Busy Bees at Holy Cross were knitting and crocheting scarves for the 8th graders who planned to walk with the Respect Life Group in Washington in late January. Several of the seniors participated and were able to donate 25 scarves!

1st VP Jeannette DiSpirito invited a representative from the Sheriff's Office to our January social meeting. He presented an informative program regarding 911 and ACES. This month we will enjoy a covered dish social.

Margaret Reynolds and Jeanette DiSpirito co-chaired the Holiday Luncheon in December, held at the Nauvoo Grill in Fair Haven. Mayor and Mrs. John Ekdahl were welcomed guests, as was former Mayor and honorary member Chillie Callman.

2nd VP Vivian McCormick arranged a lovely trip to Mike Doolan's in Spring Lake. She is working with both the Sea Bright and Fair Haven Senior Clubs to arrange upcoming events. Among the favorites is the St. Pat's dinner and show at the Brownstone Theatre, scheduled for March 10. Vivian is also in charge of Sunshine. During the holidays, Vivian and Rosemary Hulse visited and brought candy to each of our shut-ins.

We welcome new member Lorriane George. All Rumson residents 55 and older and their families and friends who live outside Rumson are welcome to join this busy and spirited club.

Our condolences are extended to the family of member Ann Laskowski, and also to member Gina Cesario, who lost her son, Dino.

Five of our most dependable members were acknowledged by President Burlew for setting up and taking down tables and chairs for each meeting. Hats off to Tom Merkel, John Kondrup, Bob Johnston, Art Newman and Walter Cuje!

The Club meets bi-monthly on 2nd and 4th Mondays in Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. The Telephone Committee will notify all members if a meeting must be cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Cue

Publicity Chairman

Schedule of Meetings:

Monday, February 9th and 23rd
March 9th and 23rd
April 13th and 27th

THE RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND

For many years, the Rumson Endowment Fund has been one of the best kept secrets in town. We would like to change that starting now.!

By way of explanation, the Rumson Endowment Fund is a non-profit (501(c)(3)) corporation established by the Mayor and Borough Council in 2000. Its mission is to set an example of community involvement and to support the needs of the Borough by securing private sector resources to help finance worthwhile capital improvements, annual and special community events and other purchases for the community. In short, it seeks to improve the quality of life for the residents of Rumson

without relying on direct taxpayer dollars. The Endowment is governed by a committee of five volunteer members, two from the Borough Council and three from the general public, who serve as directors.

In 2009, for the third consecutive year, donations to the Endowment made the fabulous Independence Day fireworks display possible. And, in conjunction with the Rumson Recreation Committee, the Endowment financed the Borough's annual tree lighting and fireworks show at Victory Park. Rumson Crew, the Bingham Hall restoration and many improvements to our beautiful parks are just a few of the examples of worthy organizations and projects that have benefited from the generosity of our residents via the Rumson Endowment Fund.

As we look forward, we would like the Endowment to be positioned to provide funding for worthy projects and programs around town that all residents can enjoy. So as you contemplate your giving plans this year, please keep the Rumson Endowment Fund in mind. Donations to the Endowment are tax deductible, though it is strongly recommended that you consult your tax adviser in each case. Please call Borough Hall (732-842-3300) if you would like further information.

A SALUTE TO OUR SERVICEPEOPLE!

U.S. Coast Guard Lt.jg Christian George, son of residents Eileen and Brian George, will be deployed to Bahrain on the USCG Cutter Maui as part of the Navy 5th Fleet. Christian is a graduate of RFH and the US Coast Guard Academy, and has been stationed in Galveston TX on the USCG Cutter Dauntless. We are all grateful for the unselfish efforts of our servicemen and women. Thank you, Christian!

Do you have a friend or family member serving in the Armed Forces? Please send us your information via email to Hope Richardson at hrichardson@rumsonnj.gov, and if you have a photo you would like included, please email it in JPEG format. We'd love to hear from you.



Just a reminder...

**NO OVERNIGHT
PARKING ON
ANY
BOROUGH STREET
THROUGH 3/31**

Your cooperation will make life a lot easier
For our hard-working Department of Public Works
when the snow flies!



NEWS FROM THE OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

On December 1, 1920, the Oceanic Free Library opened its doors for the first time in a new brick building at the corner of River Road and Second Street. Where has the time gone? 2010 marks our 90th anniversary! It all started as a generous gift to the Rumson community from the Meeker family as a way to honor their son, William Henry Meeker, who served in the Lafayette Flying Corps during World War I. It was his love of literature and sadly, his untimely death in that "war to end all wars" that brought about the founding of our cherished library. We have come a long way in 90 years and the Meeker family would be so proud to see how their dream has flourished. We are, however, showing our age. In 1959 the library moved to its current home on the corner of Ridge Road and Avenue of Two Rivers, the former Hintelman's Grocery Store. Five years ago you generously supported our successful efforts to raise money to renovate the Children's Room and now the time has come to address our main room, which is in need of increased shelving, brighter lighting and new paint and carpet. At 90 years of age, who couldn't use a face lift?

We will kick off our Renovation Campaign with an Open House to be held at the library on Sunday afternoon, January 31st. At that time the winners of the children's art contest will be announced. The winning entries will be made into a 2011 calendar which will go on sale later in the year. At our "kick-off" party you will have the opportunity to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets for the drawing to be held at our Anniversary Party in September. Please join your neighbors on Sunday, January 31 for light refreshments and entertainment. During the party we hope to entice you to sign up for one of the Anniversary Party committees!

Something new has been added to our perennially popular Tuesday children's programs which has been met with great enthusiasm – the Therapy Dog sessions which meet once a month. Accompanied by their trainers, these certified dogs come to the library and "listen" attentively as they are read to by the children. This is a wonderful opportunity for the reluctant readers, who truly seem to blossom while reading to this non-critical audience. A no-stress, no-fuss approach to reading that seems to work wonders, this program is free for our members. Please visit our web site for pictures of the dogs (Willie Wonka and Abigail!) and children in action, and for more information on dates and times. If you think your child might benefit from this experience please call Miss Ann at the 732-842-2692.

Also new for children is our Birthday Party Plan. For a nominal fee you can host your child's birthday party at the library. We provide the space, work with you on a theme, and read stories, provide a movie or help make a craft. You provide pizza or other snacks and cake. The kids love it! Call the library for more information or to set up a date.

The graphic novel collection for young adults and children is ever-popular and expanding. We also continue to add to our "Play-Away" collection. New additions include "Berlitz Language Guaranteed" tutorials, a great way to brush up on your French, German, Spanish or Italian.

Our neighbors will be lighting up the library with their creativity in the coming months. February will feature original watercolors by Mary Beth Wilson and the charming jewelry of Mary Maas. Daidra Carsman will take over the jewelry display case in March, with photographs by Ernest Antholis adorning our walls. March also celebrates Youth Artwork. We will be displaying the works of Deanne-Porter students in the Meeker Children's Room. April will bring "A Blend of Art" with photos, watercolors and jewelry by Lisa Laird. Please stop by to warm up on a winter's day and enjoy the fruits of our many talented friends.

Under the creative direction of Cynthia Dannen, our book group continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. See our website for upcoming discussions – www.oceaniclibrary.org

Keep yourself warm and wow your friends with toasty knitting projects this winter! Don't know how to knit? Come and learn from a talented group of friendly ladies every Fridays at the library at 2 PM. Bring your yarn, needles, library card and sense of humor.

Another option to "drive the cold winter away" is to take a trip. Do it with our "Armchair Traveler" series! Visit our web site for destinations and departure times for 2010.

Director Reis would like to thank all our generous patrons who contributed books for the Monmouth County "Books for Kids" drive. The "Jason's Dream for Kids" toy/book drive box located at the library for the month of December was filled to overflowing as well. Thank you all for your outpouring of support for these causes!

OFL is very pressed for space at this time, and cannot accept any book donations until March. The YMCA is currently holding a book drive if you can't wait until March, and we apologize for the inconvenience. We also wish to remind patrons that if they have changed their address or telephone number, PLEASE let the library staff know so we may update our records.

In closing, we sadly note the untimely passing of faithful patron and past Board member Patricia Sharkey. She will be deeply missed.

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1 Planning Board 7:30 PM
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